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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

eCF No.278364/73

Dated Dispur, the March, 2024

From: Smti. Neera Daulagupu, ACS,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

To : The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Assam(i/c),

Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

Sub : Forest Diversion proposal of 0.96 hectare of forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Desoi Valley Reserved Forest under Jorhat Division in favour of Bharti Airtel LTD Sir,

This has got reference to the letter no. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/OFC./Jorhat Division dated 13.03.2024 of O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the State Government in accordance with General Approval under section 2(ii) of FCA, 1980 and in terms of the "Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarification), MoEF & CC, GoI, 2019" mentioned under Chapter-4 (para 4.2, 4.3 and 4.3.1).

After careful consideration and recommendation of the proposal by the PCCF & HoFF, Assam, I am directed to inform that the Government of Assam hereby grants the "Final Approval" for diversion of 0.96 hectare of forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Desoi Valley Reserved Forest under Jorhat Division in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd subjected to the following of conditions as laid on this department's "In Principle approval" vide letter ECF No.278364/63 dated 06.03.2023.

This has the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department 1/506105/2024

Memo eCF No.278364/73-A Dated Dispur, the March 2024 Copy forwarded to:

- 1. Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam.
- 2. The Senior Manager, Bharti Airtel Limited, 3rd Floor, Shubham Buildwell, Near NEEPCO Bhawan, R .G Baruah Road, Guwahati-781005 for information.
- 3. PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department, Janata Bhawan, Dispur-6.

e-signed Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment and Forest Department